

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Yargers.

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week pray for the Erdels.

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS: Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our livestream and for the people joining us there. Pray that God would use us to bring His Kingdom here. Pray for our children's ministry as it is getting built back up. Pray for Casa Del Alfarero, the Spanish-speaking Missionary Church 5 minutes from our building.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for students, teachers, and other school staff members. Pray for the war in Ukraine. Pray for Florida and the destruction from Hurricane Ian.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 11/27/22: 52

Online views: 72

Giving

Online (11/21/22-11/27/22): \$315 for general

In-Person on 11/27/22: \$290 for general

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1480

Rather view this information on your phone?
Feel free to scan this Q.R. code to view this on the Bible app! For future reference, we always have the QR code posted at the main entrance that will take you to that week's event in the Bible app!



Give Online

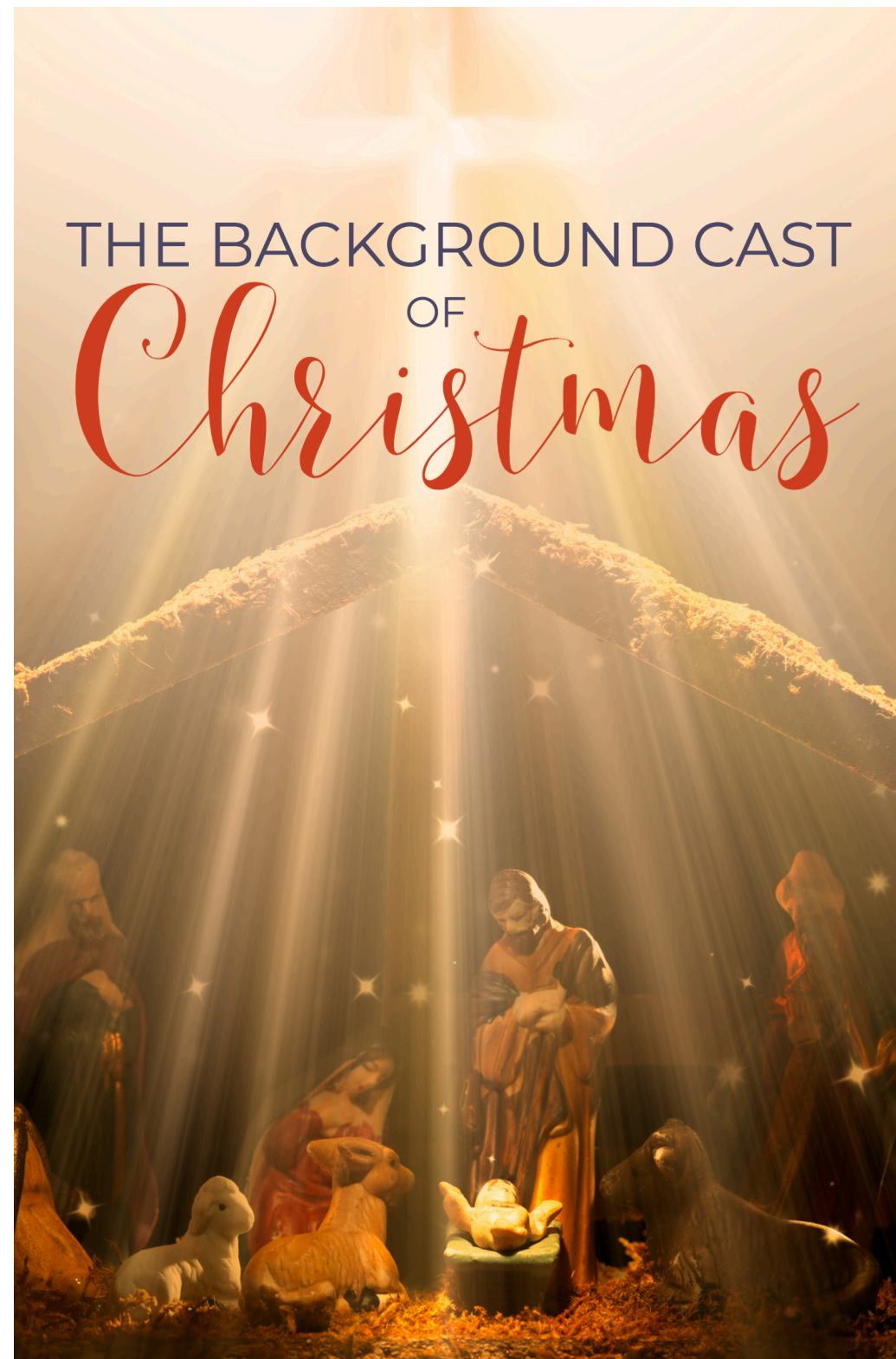


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Welcome to

Hillside

MISSIONARY CHURCH

DECEMBER 4TH, 2022

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be **CONNECTED** with Jesus, **CHANGED** by Jesus, and **COMMITTED** to the mission of Jesus.

GUESTS: Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, which can be found by the QR code to the right.



hmcworship.com/im-new

SERMON SERIES: Our sermon series is taking a look at different characters in God's Word that are commonly overlooked during the Christmas season.

HELP UKRAINE: Our denomination, the Missionary Church, has set a prayer guide, as well as a relief project fund for us to be able to help Ukraine during their time of need. Check out the links below by pointing your phone camera to the Q.R. codes:



Prayer Guide



Relief Project Fund

Announcements

FOSTER FAMILY BASKETS: Our foster closet team is putting together Christmas baskets for all of the foster families in the Josiah White's South Bend office, located on the lower level of our building. Please prayerfully consider donating towards these baskets to help offset the cost of these baskets to our foster closet. If you have any questions or would like to help put these baskets together, please see April Rollf.

POTLUCK: Our annual congregational meeting is happening today after service. We will be having a potluck for lunch. Pulled pork, buns, and drinks will be provided. If you have a dish, please put it in the gym. Please don't be worried if you didn't bring anything. There is plenty to go around!

BABY DEDICATION: We are having a baby dedication during service today.

Opportunities to Help

TECH: Our worship team is looking for someone who would like to run sound and/or slides. Please see Pastor Josh.

OFFICE HELP: Pastor Josh is looking for someone who can make and print bulletins and keep our website updated. If you are interested, please see Pastor Josh.

Interested in helping out somewhere else? Please talk to Pastor Josh! There are a variety of needs around the church.



12/4/22 - Week 1 – Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph's Story

Throughout this sermon series we are looking at characters that are typically overlooked in the Christmas story, and what their stories can teach us. This week, we're looking at Jesus' earthly father, Joseph. Joseph was open to God's leading, even in the midst of an extremely stressful situation. The Christmas season can be stressful for us as well. Yet, it is important that we remain open to God's leading, just as Joseph was. By taking a look at this portion of God's Word, we can learn how to be open to God's leading, just like Joseph was.

1. _____ others well and intentionally

Matt. 1:19-20, 5:43-48, 22:35-40, John 13:34, 1 John 4:11, 19-21

2. Don't _____ God's leading

Matt. 1:20-21, Prov. 3:5-6, Ps. 32:8, John 16:13, James 1:5

3. Live by _____

Matt. 1:22-23, Ps. 119:105, Josh. 1:8, Matt. 4:4, Heb. 4:12, Rom. 15:4

4. Give it _____ you've got

Matt. 1:24-25, Gal. 6:9, Eph. 2:10, 2 Cor. 9:6-8

Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever studied this part of God's Word before? Did anything stand out? Did anything from Joseph's story surprise you?
2. Joseph was open to God's leading in this passage. Of the 4 things that we pointed out about Joseph, which one(s) do you do well, and which one(s) do you need to work on?
3. Do some reflecting. How well do you feel like you are open to God's leading in your life during stressful and busy times?
4. Looking at your answer from question #3, what practical steps do you need to improve how open you are to God's leading?
5. What is your biggest take away from this message? What did God teach you? Do you feel led to put anything into action? If so, what, and what practical step(s) do you need to take to be obedient to what God has led you to do? Who can keep you accountable to accomplishing this?